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Antonio MOBIL; Brigido CABRERA Meza; Luis Alfredo CASTILLO C.

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1. On the night of 10 April 1954, Arthur G. VAIVADA gave a small party at his residence to which he invited three Guatemalan officials. Two of those individuals he had previously met through Luis Alfredo CASTILLO C., former Legal Secretary to President ARBENZ. The names of the other two guests are Antonio MOBIL from the Ministry of Foreign Relations and Brigido CABRERA Meza, Sub-Jefe de Inmigración, Ministry of Foreign Relations.
2. During the course of the evening, CABRERA provoked the other two with a remark to the effect that the Ministry of Foreign Relations was in a state of chaos due to political ambitions stemming from TORIELLO's recent prominence. CABRERA, who had been consuming generous quantities of liquor, was without hesitation in expressing his disgust for TORIELLO. When he referred to TORIELLO as a merchant whose patriotism was questionable, the other two rushed to TORIELLO's defense.
3. VAIVADA's opinion of the short but heated argument was that CASTILLO and MOBIL are placing TORIELLO in a superior position than President ARBENZ and were quite heated in their statements. The argument was stopped by CASTILLO who shut his companions up by saying such a discussion should not take place before strangers.

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